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BODY IS DEVoured BY LYE.

Hunters Unearth a Growsome Box That Is Supposed to Hide a Mystery.

Lawrence, Kan., Jan. 31.—What appears to be a murder case, full of mystery and attended by circumstances which point to a well planned and executed murder has been discovered by the purest accident and is being confirmed by the chemistry department of Kansas university.

In a coffin-shaped bottomless box, only twelve inches below the surface, there has been discovered, near Winchester, a mass of decomposed matter, an old felt hat and some empty cans. That the mass of matter is a human body, decomposed by the action of the lye, is being proven by an analysis of a part of the substance, and everything points to the unearthing of a murder of several months' standing.

One mistake on the part of the perpetrators of the crime has betrayed the deed, which otherwise might have been carried out with permanent success. Had the box been buried four inches deeper the burrow of a rabbit would not have penetrated its top and the party of hunters who were after the rabbit would have never discovered the box. The lye has done its work well, however, and there remains no clew save a very common felt hat and the general circumstances which surround the case.

The box was discovered the latter part of last week, on the Scott Lee farm, which lies six miles northeast of Winchester. The tenant of the farm, together with one or two others, was hunting rabbits in a field near the house, when they found the hidden mystery.

To Cure a Cold in One Day

Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. Grove's signature is on each box. 25c.

Kaiser as Mediator.

London, Jan. 31.—The Berlin correspondent of the Daily News mentions a rumor that Emperor William is willing to mediate between Great Britain and the South African republics. The correspondent recalls the fact that Germany has emphatically and repeatedly declined to do so unless the British and Boers invoked her aid, and remarks that if there is any truth in the rumor it would indicate that the British Cabinet has abandoned its negative attitude regarding mediation.

There is no doubt that could Emperor William conclude his visit to England by lending a hand to end struggle he would please a vast majority of his own nation, which has hitherto watched the circumstances attending his visit with uneasy suspicion.

Let the Razor Slip.

San Angelo, Tex., Jan. 31.—Lee Martin, living at Edith, Tom Green county, while trying to shave after a siege of sickness, let the razor slip. His throat was cut and it was believed he would die in a short time, as several veins were cut. He was laid down and kept quiet until a physician could be summoned. The blood coagulated and Martin is still alive, twenty hours after the accident. He has excellent chances for recovery, though the windpipe was nearly severed.

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St. Joseph Murder Mystery.

St. Joseph, Mo., Jan. 31.—The wife of Jim Redmond, the noted highwayman, to-day gave the police an account of a murder which she said occurred in a saloon at the corner of Sixth and Charles streets, Christmas eve, and the body, she says, was dumped into a manhole of the Charles street sewer. The victim was a stranger, the object of whose murder was robbery.

The description she gives of the victim tallies with the description of Cyrus Lancaster, a stockman, of Rosendale, Mo., who disappeared from this city on Christmas eve, having come here on a short business trip. The whole detective force of the city is working on the case. The sewer is being inspected to-night with the hope of finding some trace of the body. Mrs. Redmond has given the police a good description of the murderers, and arrests are hourly expected. She has given the police her reasons for not having before made known the crime, and they are accepted.

See two girls in another column gathering grapes for Sperry's wine. Read all about them. Sperry's wines are unexcelled by any in the world.

American Institute Farmer's Club.
Report the wines of Alfred Sperry, of Passaic, New Jersey, the most reliable, and his Oporto Grape Wine as superior to any in the world.

Fifty Cents for a Wife.

Easton, Pa., Jan. 26.—Frank Fisher was aware that George Gardner was attentive to his (Fisher's) wife, and last night he met the couple together in the street. Fisher halted them and said to his wife:

"No, Lizzie, who do you want, Gardner or me?"

"Why, Gardner, was the reply. 'Well,' said Fisher to Gardner 'give me a half dollar and you can have her.'"

Gardner dived down into his pocket, brought out the half dollar and the bargain was closed. The woman then went to Fisher's house, packed up her belongings and departed for her new home.

Mrs. Fisher is 20 years old and her new husband is two years younger.

Don't let the hand of time paint wrinkles on your face. Keep young by keeping the blood pure and the digestive organs in a healthful condition. Herbine will do this. Health is youth, disease and sickness brings old age. Price 50 cents. For sale by H. L. Tucker.

Body Found in the Ruins.

Pittsburg, Kan., Jan. 31.—The residence of Mrs. Catharine Jacobs, in East Pittsburg, was destroyed by fire this morning about 5 o'clock. She was a widow, having another family living with her. They all made their escape. Mrs. Jacobs among them, but in a few moments her absence was noted by the spectators, and it is supposed that she thought of something valuable she wanted to save and went back into the burning building. The charred remains of her body were found about 8 o'clock. Mrs. Jacobs was 60 years old and leaves two grown sons.

\$100 Reward \$100.

The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages, and that is Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure is the only positive cure known to the medical profession. Catarrh being a constitutional disease, requires a constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system, thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, and giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in its curative powers, that they offer One Hundred Dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Send for list of testimonials. Address F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. Sold by druggists 75c.

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MRS. NATION WARNED TOPEKA SALOON MEN.

Talked Kindly to "Joint" Keepers Who Listend from Behind Their Barricades.

SAID SHE DOESN'T HATE THEM.

Announced Her Intention to Call Again With Her Hatchet if They Don't Close Up.

Topeka, Kan., Jan. 31.—Mrs. Carrie Nation, the joint smasher, armed with a brand new hatchet, started on a crusade against the Topeka joints at 8:30 this morning. She called on five of the best places.

The Apex, the finest one in the city, was first visited, but no damage was done. She was put out of the place. She said she did not want to be destructive, but merely wanted to lecture. However, should violence be shown on their part, she intended getting in her work.

A crowd of several hundred people followed her down the street, most of whom were sympathizers. The police tried to arrest her, but the crowd interfered.

Mrs. Nation says the Lord's mission to her, "Clear all joints in Topeka out before leaving," will be fulfilled, and if the authorities do not suppress the joints, she will smash them, using rocks and hatchet.

Mrs. Nation wore an old gray shawl and carried an ordinary hand bag. When she appeared at the different joints, the owners stood back of the barricaded doors and awaited an attack. She begged them to let her in, that she might talk to them, promising not to harm anything. But they were afraid of her, and would not open the doors. Nothing daunted, she talked at them after this fashion:

"I'm sorry for you, boys. You look so much ashamed of yourselves. I'm not mad at you boys. I'm not hating you a bit, even when I come around with my hatchet. I am treating you just as I would treat one of my own boys if I found him with something that would do him harm. But boys, you must not stay in this business any longer. I give you fair warning. Just you close up and get out of this business. You are harming yourselves and other boys, and I won't let you do that. If you don't get out of this, boys, I'll be around in a few days and just break up your wicked little shops for you."

Incredible as it may appear, the saloon men were strongly moved by the talk Mrs. Nation gave them. She meant what she said—they understood that. They knew she was not resentful and did not despise them, just as they understood how resolved she was to make them close their joints.

Mrs. Nation made a short talk to a class at Washburn College this morning, speaking to the boys about cigarettes and cigars. In the chapel of the college a minister was speaking. Mrs. Nation regarded him for awhile, then leaned over to a man near her and said:

"Won't you ask the man on the stage to let me speak to those boys about five minutes? He's been giving them too much chaff. I want to give them a few grains of wheat."

But she was not permitted to talk.

For Clean Bill Posters.

Jefferson City, Jan. 31.—Doctor J. W. Patton of Cabool, representative for Texas county, presented a bill in the house to-day making it unlawful for "any agent of a theater, circus, show, theatrical troupe of actors, dancers or female performers" to post on any street, avenue or public highway any theatrical bill "on which are the pictures of female forms of performers in a semimundane state, whether in tights or other thin garments, so as to expose the body in an offensive manner, in order to attract the attention, so as to have the public attend the performances." Violation is made a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of from \$20 to \$200 and imprisonment not less than 30 days.

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FORTUNE AND A BRIDE.

Jas. Brennan Attained Both at Unexpected Time.

Derby, Conn., Jan. 31.—Fortune and bride have come to James Brennan, Jr., as rewards for a brave service performed when he was a boy 8 years of age.

Miss Catherine Agnes Friend of Newton promised him eight years ago that when he was able to support a wife in comfort she would marry him.

He worked hard to get better returns from his small farm but his labor brought but scant recompense so that his marriage seemed far away.

A letter came to him to-day recalling an almost forgotten incident of his boyhood. He was visiting his uncle, John R. Griffin, in Salt Lake City. One midnight when the man suddenly became alarmingly ill, there was only the little boy to go for the doctor, and he ran a mile through the dark, deserted streets.

Griffin became rich later from silver mines. He never saw his nephew after that visit, but when the man died recently his will related the brave act of the boy 20 years ago and left him \$10,000.

Brennan hastened with the news of his good fortune to Miss Friend and to-day they were married.

MRS. NATION NOT IN FAVOR.

New York W. C. T. U. Ignored Her Temperance Arguments.

New York, Jan. 31.—At the W. C. T. U. of this city the crusade of Mrs. Nation has, as a rule, been ignored, though at a meeting of the Demorest Union Dr. Ellen Miles and the Rev. Phoebe Hanaford, the president, had both come armed with resolutions declaring Mrs. Nation's methods unfit for New York. Dr. Miles declared that Mrs. Nation had done infinite harm to the W. C. T. U. cause. Mrs. Mary E. Teats of San Francisco, a national evangelist of the W. C. T. U., declared, on the other hand, that Mrs. Nation has been a great martyr and compared her to the early abolitionists.

The members as a whole, however, seemed terrified at the thought that Mrs. Nation might descend on New York and demand their assistance in demolishing saloons. They declared that "educative methods" were the only ones to apply here and Mrs. Martin excused the lack of active recognition of the "Nation" crusade by saying that resolutions would be passed "next month."

A Hyphenated Happening.

Columbus, O., Jan. 29.—The following list of toasts for the Jefferson-Jackson-Lincoln banquet which is to be held here on Lincoln's birthday, has been given out:

William J. Bryan, "Jefferson"; John P. Altgeld, "Jackson"; Charles A. Towne, "Lincoln"; Senator-elect Carmack, of Tennessee, "Jefferson to Lincoln"; Senator Pettigrew, "Lincoln down to Hanna"; Representative DeArmond, of Missouri, "Our Government Should Be Controlled By the Ballot Box and Not By the Musket."

Dr. Taylor will write a poem suitable for the occasion.

Senator Tabor's Funeral.

Denver, Jan. 31.—Senator James W. Bucklin introduced a bill for the payment by the senate of the funeral expenses of the late ex-United States Senator H. A. W. Tabor.

The bill was introduced at the request of the undertaker who had been unable to collect the bill from Mr. Tabor's son, Maxey Tabor, who is worth about \$250,000.

The undertaker's bill amounts to \$600. Senator Tabor was divorced from his first wife, Mrs. Augusta Tabor, and in consequence of this his son refused to aid him in any way.

TO ENLARGE CAPITOL PARK. Plan Proposed for State to Purchase Additional Ground at Jefferson City.

Jefferson City, Jan. 28.—A scheme which has been presented to several legislatures and is now pending before the present one is the purchase by the state of a block of ground in Jefferson City lying between the capitol grounds and the executive mansion. The bill seeking to accomplish this sets aside \$118,000 for the purpose.

The plan is one which ought to be accomplished if the funds in the state treasury will warrant it. When the site of the state capitol was fixed upon this property was reserved to the state, but later, through a singular lack of foresight, it was sold for a very few thousands of dollars. The ground is needed to make the state property a park that for natural beauties could hardly be excelled. The capitol stands on a high bluff overlooking the river and commanding a magnificent prospect. The governor's mansion, a little way to the east of it, crowns another bluff of about an equal height. Part of the expanse between is occupied by the capitol grounds; the other part is the property sought to be purchased. If the ground should be bought by the state and the houses now on it be pulled down, the expenditure of a small amount of money would make the "Capitol park" a source of pride to the whole state.

QUEER MARRIAGE LAW.

Fits to be Bar to License in Minnesota

Minneapolis, Minn., Jan. 31.—A bill has been introduced in the legislature by Dr. E. V. Chilton of Howard Lake which provides that a marriage license shall not be allowed between two persons where either one is or has been subject to fits of any kind, insanity or any loathsome disease.

The bill further provides that a certificate of a physician, showing that the applicants are fit to enter the married state, shall accompany all applications for a marriage license.

This act places the age limit for women at 45 years, but no provision is made for men as regards age. The penalty for a violation of the law is a fine of \$1,000 or five years in the penitentiary, or both, and applies to the persons who marry as well as to the clergyman or justice performing the ceremony.

Mr. Bryan Not Shelved Yet.

Washington, Jan. 31.—In the house to-day Representative Lanham of Texas, delivered a speech upon the question of the reorganization of the democratic party. He said it was unbecomingly audacious upon the part of the gold democrats to demand, upon their return to the party, that they should head the procession. The talk, therefore, of party reorganization was premature. He had fallen with his back to the field and his feet to the foe. He was a splendid American citizen and democrat. It was improbable that he ever again would aspire to the nomination, but it was yet too early to discuss future candidates. Mr. Lanham declared that those who had left the party must return, if at all, prepared to subscribe to the cardinal doctrine of the party—acquiescence in the will of the majority.

Pussy in a Big Fly Wheel.

Winsted, Conn., Jan. 31.—That a cat has several lives was demonstrated in Torrington yesterday where a Maltese jumped into a large driving wheel at the factory of the Excelsior Needle Co. and was carried swiftly around for half an hour, when it managed to jump out.

The cat was picked up alive, but very dizzy. After a few minutes it ran off staggering. Machinists employed in the needle shop estimated that the animal traveled 50 miles.

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Mrs. Sarah M. Kneeling, 101 Windsor Ave., Bristol, Tenn., writes: "I am 45 years old and for three years have suffered with a severe form of Cancer on my neck. The doctors said it was incurable, and that I could not live more than a month. I have tried everything I could find out about, and have given up all hope of ever being well again. When I read of S. S. S. I bought a bottle and used it. I feel like a new woman. I am now able to do all my usual work, and I feel like a new woman. I am now able to do all my usual work, and I feel like a new woman. I am now able to do all my usual work, and I feel like a new woman."

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A Prehistoric Village in Indiana.

Muncie, Ind.—What appears to be the remains of a village of earlier civilization of America was discovered at a depth of seventeen feet on the farm of John A. Gray, residing nine miles north of this city, and the discovery is attracting the attention of people for miles around. Bones of several skeletons of a race of people, apparently of giant size, were found. Almost all were in a remarkable state of preservation. Besides these there were a number of earthen bowls or pots and several pieces of small iron rods, one bearing a handle of some unknown material. The discovery was made at the bottom of a sand pit. According to the size of the bones the persons averaged a height of eight feet.

When asked relative to the discovery Mr. Gray told a most remarkable story, which strangely coincides with the discovery and which still renders the find all the more mysterious. He stated that several months ago two strange men called at his home and asked permission to dig in the sand pit. They being strangers the privilege was not granted. At this the strangers said he would run the refusal as long as he lived, as there was an Indian village far beneath the earth's surface, and near by would be found a buried treasure in gold.

To Work County Prisoners.

Jefferson City, Jan. 26.—Taylor of Pike introduced in the house to-day a bill providing that when there are ten or more male prisoners capable of performing manual labor confined in any county jail the county court may employ a foreman and guards and have the prisoners work the roads. They are to build turnpikes and repair roads and bridges, but if there is no work of this sort that can be done conveniently and with profit to the county the court may furnish stone and establish a rock pile where prisoners are to pound stone for macadam.

Imprisonment and Hanging.

Montpelier, Vt., Jan. 31.—Frank Shaw must serve 10 months at hard labor, then three months in solitary confinement, after which he will be hanged.

He killed deputy sheriff Hoffman of White River Junction more than a year ago while the latter was leading a posse in pursuit of Shaw and his father after they had broken jail. Shaw was convicted last June, and his sentence was pronounced to-day by the supreme court.

Demands for Indemnity.

Shanghai, China, Jan. 30.—The statement is made here that Russia, besides indemnity, will demand the sum of 20,000,000 taels for restoring Manchuria.

It is also said that Count Von Waldersee will demand 5,000,000 taels as compensation for the killing of Baron Von Ketteler, the German minister.

The count is about to send an official to Singapore and other points to appeal to the various Chinese for assistance in the restoration of the province.